WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1.   An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a first image editing unit to edit a low resolution part of an image in response to a command from another image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image editing process;

an informing unit to inform the other image processing apparatus that the image editing process has been completed by the first image editing unit;

a job supplying unit to supply a job commanding a high resolution part of the image to be edited; and

a second image editing unit to asynchronously edit the high resolution part of the image at a prescribed time in response to the job supplied from the job supplying unit.

2.   The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

3.   The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the other image forming apparatus commands the image to be displayed, encoded data of the edited low resolution part of the image is transmitted to the other image processing apparatus.

4.   The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the other image processing apparatus commands a portion of the high resolution part of the image to be displayed in a case where the second image editing unit has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image, the portion of the high resolution part of the image is edited, and the edited portion of the high resolution part of the image is encoded and transmitted to the other image processing apparatus.

5.   The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the other image processing apparatus is informed that the portion of the high resolution part of the

image cannot be displayed when the image editing process that is being conducted is an image editing process that cannot be conducted on a portion by portion basis.

6.　　The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein when the other image processing apparatus commands a printing process to be conducted for the image including the high resolution part of the image, in a case where the second image editing unit has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image, the other image processing apparatus is informed that the printing process cannot be conducted.

7.　　An image editing method used with an image processing apparatus, the image editing method comprising:

a) editing a low resolution part of an image in response to a command from another image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image editing process;

b) informing the other image processing apparatus that the image editing process has been completed;

c) supplying a job commanding a high resolution part of the image to be edited; and

d) editing the high resolution part of the image asynchronously at a prescribed time in response to the job.

8.　　The image processing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

9.　　An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media storing instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer having an image processing apparatus, where the image processing apparatus is in communication with another image processing apparatus, cause the computer to:

edit a low resolution part of an image in response to a command from the other image processing apparatus commanding to conduct an image editing process;

inform the other image processing apparatus that the image editing process has

been completed by the first image editing function;

       supply a job commanding a high resolution part of the image to be edited; and

       asynchronously edit the high resolution part of the image at a prescribed time in response to the job supplied from the job supplying function.

       10.   The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein the image processing apparatus and the other image processing apparatus are connected via a network.

       11.   The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the other image forming apparatus commands the image to be displayed, encoded data of the edited low resolution part of the image is transmitted to the other image processing apparatus.

       12.   The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the other image processing apparatus commands a portion of the high resolution part of the image to be displayed in a case where the second image editing function has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image, the portion of the high resolution part of the image is edited, and the edited portion of the high resolution part of the image is encoded and transmitted to the other image processing apparatus.

       13.   The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the other image processing apparatus is informed that the portion of the high resolution part of the image cannot be displayed when the image editing process that is being conducted is an image editing process that cannot be conducted on a portion by portion basis.

       14.   The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 9, wherein when the other image processing apparatus commands a printing process to be conducted for the image including the high resolution part of the image, in a case where the second image editing function has not completed editing the high resolution part of the image, the other image processing apparatus is informed that the printing process cannot be conducted.